

## San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 19960

*Description:* ff. 179 - Bound in 1972 in brown calf; one singleton and a quire of 8 blank leaves removed from the end of the codex at the time of the binding and retained by the binder; bound out of order. - Written in England in the middle of the fifteenth century. On f. iiiii, a note in a fifteenth century hand reads: "Cronice Regum Anglie de diversis historiografis per dominum Iohannem Wigornensem Comitem sparsim collecte. Sheldwyche. De orbis indagatione, divisione et descriptione per Iulium Cesarem in provincias et regiones factus; inter quas his liber maxime de Regno Anglorum et Regibus eiusdem similiter A Bruto usque in Annum decimum sextum henrici sexti que magna famosa et rara sunt declarat." On f. iiiii verso, "Sheldwyche" signs a chronology list: "Anno ante christum Mo Co venit Brutus in Angliam . . . Henricus VI etatis XVIII eodem incepit regnare que nunquam vidit patrem suum nec pater suus eum. Sheldwyche"; on f. 1, a note in another hand refers to Plutarch; an erased note on f. 179v, barely legible under ultra-violet light, ends with the name "Iohannes." Said to have belonged to the Scottish antiquary and historian, George Chalmers (1742-1825), whose books passed to his nephew and upon the latter's death were sold at auction by Evans, 27 September 1841, and 7 March and 10 November 1842; this manuscript not identified in these sales. Owned by the antiquary John Sidney Hawkins (1758-1842) and sold by Fletcher, 8 May 1843 (manuscripts are lots 2616-2649; this catalogue not available to us); the sale and a description of the book's contents are mentioned in The Chronicles of the White Rose of York (London 1843) 192-93. Sold to Sir Thomas Phillipps, whose number 11301 is on f. ii in modern pencil below his name, the Middle Hill stamp, and the date 1843. Phillipps sale, Sotheby's, 11 November 1946, lot 134; acquired by the Huntington Library in 1960 from Bernard Rosenthal, Special Offer Catalogue 17 (n.d.) n. 214. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library (San Marino, 1989). Chronica, 3.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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*Language:* Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 15th

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### Part 1: ff. 1-179v

*Description:* - Parchment - 135 x 200 mm - 1-2<sup>14</sup> 3<sup>10</sup> 4-7<sup>12</sup> 8<sup>14</sup> 9<sup>20</sup> 10<sup>12</sup> 11<sup>10</sup> 12-14<sup>12</sup>. The first quire is bound out of order and should be read: 1, 13, 6, 3, 4, 10, 8, 7, 5, 11, 12, 9, 2, 14. Quires and leaves signed with letters of the alphabet and early from arabic numerals on the first quire, with roman numerals on the successive quires. Catchwords written horizontally in inner right corner. 26-28 long lines frame ruled in brown lead; pricking visible at the 4 corners of the written space.

*Country:* England

*Cardinal point:*

*Region:*

*City:*

*Assigned Date:* s. XV<sup>med</sup>

*Searchable Date Range:* 1440 - 1460

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Inscribed Date:*

*Document:* No

*Number of Scribes:* ;

*Script:* Anglicana

*Other Decoration:* Space reserved on f. 1v for a miniature (?); space reserved for initials; on f. 13v (which should have been f. 2v), a drawing in red of a T-O world map; on f. 8v (which should have been f. 7v), the lines to project the size of Christ's tomb. Rubrics, slashed initials in the text, and paragraph marks through f. 121. A few marginal notes, including dates in the Brut chronicle section.

*Notes:* Latin

*Number of Texts:* 1

### Text 1: ff. 1v-175; ff. 175v-179v blank

*Title:* De orbis indagatione facta per Iulium Cesarem History of England

*Language(s):* Latin

*Incipit:* Ex olim senatus consulto censuit Iulius Cesar

*Explicit:* in Scotia tunc existens dicti Regis Camisiam postmodum domino papa ut dicitur deferebat.

*Notes:* A geographical and historical compilation from various sources: Augustine, Bede, the 1399-1437 version of the Latin Brut, Gildas, the Chester chronicler (Higden), Geoffrey of Monmouth, William of Malmesbury (often named or quoted by chapter), a 50-line metrical life of William of Wykeham (on ff. 150-151v; see G. H. Moberly, Life of William of Wykeham, sometime Bishop of Winchester and Lord High Chancellor of England, Winchester and London 1887, pp. 293-308; only 5 lines correspond), a list of the heresies of Wyclif. About half of the text pertains to material before 1066; material is fuller for the fourteenth century, and extends to 1437. Its authorship is attributed by a fifteenth century owner of the manuscript (see below) to John Tiptoft; the attribution is accepted with some confusion by R. J. Mitchell, John Tiptoft 1427-1470 (London 1938) as referring to his father, Sir John Tiptoft (ca. 1375-1443) on pp. 9-10, although she lists it both among John Tiptoft's supposed works on p. 242, and as in his library on p. 243. The attribution to John or to Sir John Tiptoft is rejected, and the manuscript's contents are briefly analyzed by Roberto Weiss, Humanism in England during the Fifteenth Century 2nd. ed. (Oxford 1957) 118. See also A. Gransden, Historical Writing in England (London 1982) 2:480.